

# PEOPLES ENERGY

Peoples Gas  
North Shore Gas

November 22, 2004

Ms. Susan Morakalis, Esq.  
Metropolitan Water Reclamation  
District of Greater Chicago  
100 East Erie Street  
Chicago, IL 60611

RE: Self-Insured Letter Pursuant to Easement Agreement  
dated July 15, 2004 (revised November 3, 2004) between  
Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago  
and The Peoples Gas Light and Coke Company

Dear Ms. Morakalis:

Pursuant to Section 4.03 of the Easement Agreement between the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago ("District") and The Peoples Gas Light and Coke Company ("Peoples Gas") to construct, reconstruct, operate, maintain, repair and remove a 30-foot portion of a natural gas main, this letter will serve as written notice that Peoples Gas is self-insured. Peoples Gas undertakes and promises to insure the District, its Commissioners, officers, agents, servants and employees on account of risks and liabilities contemplated by the Indemnity provisions of this Easement Agreement. This statement is issued in lieu of policies of insurance or a certificate of insurance in which the District, its Commissioners, officers, agents, servants and employees would be named as additional insureds. Peoples Gas has funds available to cover those liabilities in the respective amounts thereof, as set forth as follows:

## COMPREHENSIVE GENERAL LIABILITY

Combined Single Limit Bodily Injury Liability and  
Property Damage Liability

(Including Liability for Environmental Contamination of Adjacent Premises)

In the amount of not less than \$4,000,000.00  
per Occurrence

and

Coverage for Environmental Contamination of Easement Premises

In an Amount of Not Less Than \$4,000,000.00 per Occurrence

## OFFICIAL FILE

I.C.C. DOCKET NO. 04-614

Joint Exhibit No. 53

Witness \_\_\_\_\_ 130 East Randolph Dr • Chicago IL 60601 • (312)240-4000

Date 6-17-05 Reporter J.Y.

JOINTLY STIPULATED  
EXHIBIT 000053

I have sufficient knowledge of Peoples Gas' fiscal structure and financial status to make this statement on its behalf.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact the undersigned at (312)/240-4544.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "George Schuitema".

George Schuitema  
Manager, Corporate Risk Management

GS:rf